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¶1. (U) EmbOffs delivered reftel demarche regarding the upcoming Georgia donors conference in Brussels to Tomasz Orlowski, Georgia desk officer at the Polish MFA, as well as Barbara Gronowska and Joanna Poplawska in the MFA's Development Cooperation Department on September 22. The MFA is working with the Finance Ministry to determine how much room there is in Poland's budget to make a donation, but no decisions have yet been made.

¶2. (U) Orlowski also stated that the overall amount of assistance granted to date by the Polish government stands at PLN 190,000 (about USD 83,000). Orlowski informed us that the MFA intends to spend a "significant sum of money" to support activities of the International Organization for Migration as a response to its "Georgia Crisis-Flash Appeal," which was published within the framework of the UN Common Appeals Process (CAP). Final decision has not been made on whether and how much support will be provided. In addition, the Polish government is considering financial support to winterize housing for 100 refugees from the conflict zone in Georgia.

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